

Middleborough /Raynham Youth Softball Leagues
Senior League Rules

Amended March 2012 for Middleboro/Raynham

16&U ASA rules are used in this league with the following exceptions to those rules.

1. A rotating batting order will be used. All players will be placed in the batting order and this order cannot be changed during the game. Free substitution will be used.
2. Substituted (as well as starting players) must play 3 innings on defense.
3. An official game is 7 innings. Postponed games or games that were interrupted before an official number of innings were completed, must be played from the point at which the game ended, and finish until 7 innings are played.
4. **Pitching** – no restrictions. ASA rules apply. **Note:** A pitcher that hits a batsman directly by a wild pitch will be warned after the second wild pitch. After the third direct wild pitch, the pitcher will be removed from the game as the pitcher but may return in the game at another position and cannot return for that game. **Balls that hit the ground prior to striking the batsman will not be considered a wild pitch, and will not count as a hit batsman.**
5. **Runs per inning.** Except for the last inning in the game, only 5 runs may be scored per inning. If more than 5 runs are scored during an inning, only 5 will count. The inning ends when the play is complete. **The last inning must be an inning of unlimited runs.** In the last inning of the game there is no limit to the number of runs that may be scored. If the last inning is not the seventh inning, due to rain or darkness, both coaches and the umpire must agree at the start of the inning that it will be the last inning. **Every game should have a last inning declared of unlimited runs to be a complete.**
6. If after 5 innings, or at the end of the sixth inning, a team is ahead by 12 runs or more, the game ends.
7. Ending Times – 1 hour and 45 minutes. If 6pm Start, No inning may start if the previous inning *ends after 7:45 p.m.* There is no time limit to end games when they are played during the day without darkness being a consideration.
8. Games begin promptly at 6:00. If by 6:20 a team does not have at least 7 players that team forfeits the game. Coaches can decide to play with less than 7, **HOWEVER, both must agree and the result is final. No forfeit will be awarded.**

9. Swearing at any time before or during the game, on or off the playing field, by players or coaches, results in immediate rejection from the game.
10. If a team has only 8 players available, they must play the game. If a team has only seven players available, they may play if they choose or forfeit the game. A team who knows they will not have enough players may reschedule the game one time if they notify the opposing coach **at least 24 hours in advance**. No second rescheduling may take place; a forfeit will result if the team that rescheduled does not have enough players.
11. If a player arrives late to the game, she must be placed at the end of the batting order.
12. If a player leaves the game before it ends and the team has fewer players than they started with in the lineup, no out will be called when that player's at-bat comes up. The next batter will bat without penalty to the team.
13. With 2 outs in any inning, coaches are encouraged to use a courtesy runner for their catcher or pitcher. Player who made the last out shall be the runner.
14. Games are to be played even if there is no official umpire.
15. ASA Slide rules apply. A player should slide or avoid the runner to avoid injury. Umpires discretion applies.
16. No slash hitting. Defined as, a player cannot show bunt and pull back to take a full swing. Penalty is Umpires discretion, ASA rules apply.